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Examiner: J. L. Ortiz Criado

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For : MULTIMEDIA COPY CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD USING  
DIGITAL DATA RECORDING MEDIUM AND OPTICAL DISC  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2005 and to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references, Applicant submits that each of the claims in the present application recite a particular combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

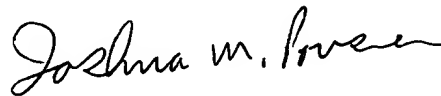
Further, in response to the statement at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability (i.e., "Reasons for Allowance as indicated by the BPAI Decision on 10/27/2005"), Applicant

notes that the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated October 27, 2005 was directed to only limited shortcomings of the references applied by the Examiner against the subject matter of the claims, and should not in any way be considered an exhaustive or exclusive record of the reasons for allowability in the present application. Rather, as noted above, each of the claims in the present application recite a particular combination of features, and the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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